

A true

ACCOUNT

OF

Divers most strange and prodigious

Apparitions,

Seen in the AIR and PINE-TOWN

In the County of

Tipperary

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Attested by Sixteen Persons that

were Eyes-witnesses.

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AN ACCOUNT OF SOME Strange Apparitions in the Air.

Upon the second day of this present Month, being Sunday in the evening near sun-set, several Gentlemen and others, herein after named, walk'd forth into the fields, and the Sun going down behind a Hill, and appearing somewhat bigger than ordinary, they discouer'd about it, directing their eyes towards the place where the Sun set.

When one of the Company observed in the Air, near the place where the Sun went down, an Arm of a blackish blew-colour, with a ruddy complexion'd hand at one end, and

ever it was not bright & clear

and at the other end a Cross piece, with a ring fastned to the middle of it, like one end of an Anchor, which stood still a while, and then made Northwards; and so dis-ap-peared ; while they were startled at the sight which they all saw, and wondred what it should be and meati , there appeared at a great distance in the Air , from the same part of the sky, something like a Ship com-ing towards them ; and so near to them it came, that they could distinctly perceive the Masts, Sails, Tacklings, and Men ; she then seemed to tack about, and sailed with the stern foremost, Northwards , upon a dark smooth Sea, (not seen before) which stretch-ed it self from South-west to North-west ; having seemed thus to sail some few mi-nutes, she sunk by degrees into the Sea, her stern first, and as she sunk , they perceived her Men plainly running up the Tackling , in the fore-part of the Ship, as it were , to save themselves from drowning.

The Ship dis-appearing , they all fale down on a green bank, talking of, and won-dring at what they had seen , for a small

space, and then appeared (as that Ship had done) a Fort, or high place strongly fortifyed, with somewhat like a Castle on the top of it: out of the sides of which, by reason of some Clouds of smoake, and a flash of fire suddenly issuing out, they concluded some shot to be made. The Fort then immediately was divided into two parts, which were in an instant transform'd into two exact Ships, like the other they had seen, with their heads towards each other. That towards the South, seemed to chase the other with its stem foremost, Northwards, till it sunk with its stem first, as the first Ship had done. The other Ship sayled sometime after, and then sunk with its head first. It was observed, that Men were running upon the Decks in these two Ships, but they did not see them climb up, as in that last Ship, excepting one Man, whom they saw distinctly to get up with much haste upon the very top of the bowsprit of the second Ship, as they were sinking. They supposed the two last Ships were Engaged and fighting, for they saw like

like Bullets rouling upon the Sea, while they were both visible.

The Ships being gone, the company rose, and were about to go away, when one of them perswaded the rest to stay, and said, he saw some little black thing coming towards them, which he believed would be worth their observation, then some of the rest observed the same; whereupon, they sat down again, and presently there appeared a Chariot, somewhat like that which *Neptune* is represented riding in, drawn with two Horses, which turned as the Ships had done Northward. And immediately after it, came a strange frightful Creature, which they concluded to be some kind of Serpent, having an head like a Snake, and a knotted bunch or bulk at the other end, something resembling a snails house.

This Monster came swiftly behind the Chariot, and gave it a sudden violent blow, then out of the Chariot straight leaped a Bull and a Dog, which following him, seemed to bait him: These also went Northward

ward, as the former Phœnomena had done, the Bull first, holding his Head downward, then the Dog, and then the Chariot, till they all sunk down one after another, about the same place, and just in the same manner as the former.

These last Meteors being vanished, there were several Appearances like Ships, and other things, in the same place, and after that like order with the former; but the Relators were so surprized, and pleased with what they had seen, especially with the Bull and Dog, that they did not much observe them; and besides, they were not so visible as the rest, the night drawing on so fast, that they could not well discern them.

The whole time of the Vision or Representation, lasted near an hour, and it was observable, that it was a very clear and very calm Evening, no Cloud seen, no Mist, nor any Wind stirring. All the Phœnomena came out of the West, or Southwest. They seemed very small, and afar off, and at first seemed like Birds, at a good distance,

stance, and then being come to the place, where there was the Appearance of a Sea, they were discerned plainly in their just proportion. They all moved Northwards, the Ships, as appeared by their Sails, went against the wind; they all sunk out of sight, much about the same place. When they dis-appeared, they did not dilate themselves, and become invisible as Clouds do, but every the least part of them, was as distinctly seen at the last, as they had been all along. The height of the Scene on which these Meteors moved, was about as much above the Horizon, as the Sun is being half an hour high. Of the whole Company, there was not any one but saw all those things, as above written; all agreed in their Notions and Opinions about them, and were all the while busie talking concerning what they saw, either much troubled, or much pleased, according to the nature of the Appearance.

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The N A M E S of the Persons who saw the foregoing Passage.

Mr. *Allyc*, a Minister, living near the place.
 Lieutenant *Dunfervile* and his Son.
 Mr. *Grace* his Son-in-law.
 Lieutenant *Dwine*. { Scholars and Travellers.
 Mr. *Dwine* his Brother. }
 Mr. *Christopher Hewelson*.
 Mr. *Richard Foster*.
 Mr. *Adam Hewelson*.
 Mr. *Bates*, a School-master.
 Mr. *Larkin*.
 Mrs. *Dunfervile*,
 her Daughter-in-law,
 her Maiden-daughter.
 Mr. *Dwine's Daughter*.
 Mrs. *Grace*, her Daughter.

This Account was given by Mr. *C. Hewelson* and Mr. *R. Foster*, two of the beforenamed Spectators: And when it was related, a Servant of Mr. *C. H.* being present, did confirm the truth of it, affirming, that he and others of the Servants being then together at *Poins-town*, in another place saw the very same Sights, and did very much wonder at them.

P I N I S.